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Mississippi Baptist Convention Begins In Jackson In Four Days

The Mississippi Baptist Convention meets Nov. 13-15 in Jackson to consider a \$10 million budget, elect officers, and hear speakers including Southern Baptist Convention President Jimmy Allen.

Scripture theme tying sessions together is "Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man." (Mark 1:41, NIV)

The convention, official annual business meeting for messengers from the

nearly 2,000 participating Southern Baptist churches in Mississippi, will begin with a short meeting, Monday evening, Nov. 13, at Daniel Memorial Baptist Church in Jackson. This will be during the state Baptist Brotherhood Rally.

Then the sessions reconvene the next morning at Jackson's First Baptist Church, continuing there through Nov. 15.

The budget to be considered consists

of voluntary gifts through the convention's unified Cooperative Program, where churches send funds to the central offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board for disbursement to the various boards, agencies and schools of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the worldwide efforts of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, is president of the MBC and is completing his second term in that office. Traditionally, the convention will only elect a president to two one year terms.

Other convention officers are Truitt Roberts, first vice president; B. B. McGee, second vice president; Joe Odle, recording secretary; and Paul Harwood, associate recording secretary.

Jimmy Allen, SBC president, will head the list of convention speakers which includes several Mississippians. Hamblin will deliver the annual president's address. And Joe

McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, will preach the annual sermon. McKeever is on the board of directors for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Other major speakers include Keith Parks of the Foreign Mission Board; Clyde Fant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex.; and Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention (which operates the convention business ad interim).

Music Leaders

Music throughout the convention will be led by Clint Nichols, music department chairman at New Orleans Seminary. Organist will be Becky Payne and pianist will be Eva Hart.

Each session will be led in congregational praise by a different person. They include Marc Beaver, First Baptist Church, Pascagoula; Wilson Henderson, FBC, Columbus; Jim Watson, FBC, Picayune; Neill Harris, FBC, McComb; Lloyd Mims, Collins

Baptist Church, Collins; and George McFadin, FBC, Oxford.

Special music will be brought by the choir of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo; Churchmen Belis; Brass Ensemble; Blue Mountain College Singers; Susan Lamkin; and the Mississippi College Concert Choir.

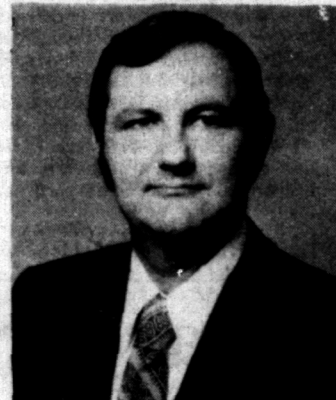
Short devotional messages will be led by a number of lay and ordained leaders. The convention will have six sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday with one Bible Treasure message in each.

Bible Treasure speakers are: Bill Baker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton; George Thornton, lawyer, Kosciusko; Paul Brooks, pastor, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Vicksburg; James Travis, director of pastoral services, University Medical Center, Jackson; Paul Vandercook, director, language ministries, Jackson and Gulfcoast Baptist Associations; and Penrose St. Amant, re-

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Hamblin



Nichols



McKeever



Kelly



Parks



Fant

King James Version Will Return To 'Life And Work'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will return to the use of two versions of Scripture — including the King James — in four periodicals of the "Life and Work Series" beginning in October of 1979.

The decision to return the parallel columns of Scripture was made following a substantial number of letters and calls from many areas of the country expressing concern when the King James Version was deleted in the October, 1976, issues of "Adult Bible Teacher," "Young Adult Bible Study," "Adult Bible Study" and "Senior Adult Bible Study."

October, 1979, is the earliest possible

date to make the change in the quarterlies because of the printing schedule for the periodicals. The January through September periodicals of 1979 are already in production.

President Grady Cothen said, "The Sunday School Board holds as a constant objective the meeting of the needs of our people. Sometimes we read their needs and desires inaccurately, but they are always ready to show us our error."

"In light of the pastors' desires, the expressed judgment of a considerable number of our people and our sense of stewardship, we will return to the use of two versions of Scripture in the 'Life and Work Series,' including the King James Version," he said.

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Mission Service Corps Numbers Grow Overseas

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Mission Service Corps volunteers serving overseas numbered 28 at the end of October and represented a total support commitment of almost \$200,000.

The need exists for many more, says Lewis I. Myers Jr., who coordinates the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's part of the Mission Service Corps, a plan under which persons may volunteer for one to two years service on Baptist mission fields to supplement career missionaries at home and abroad.

Foreign mission fields have made requests for Mission Service Corps volunteers more quickly than volunteers are found and financed, said Myers, noting some 200 requests from the field are currently being processed.

Myers said more than 50 other MSC volunteers are in the screening process. Twenty-six of these have full or partial support lined up.

An earlier report from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta indicated

that the board has assigned 79 MSC volunteers, has 20 in process and 132 available without funding.

Mission Service Corps volunteers serve through the financial support of Southern Baptists, either individually or as congregations or groups. Others provide their own support. Gifts are over and above regular contributions to the SBC Cooperative Program and special missions offerings.

The Foreign Mission Board has some sponsorship funds awaiting the approval of volunteers, but these total only \$80,000 — approximately the amount required for 10 volunteers to serve for one year.

Myers pointed out that since the beginning of Mission Service Corps in 1977, people involved in its planning have known it would cost more to sponsor the MSC personnel overseas because of the travel involved. The goal of Mission Service Corps is to have 5,000 volunteers serving on home and foreign mission fields by 1982.

Mission Service Corps is only one of the Foreign Mission Board's volunteer service opportunities for persons wishing to serve one-to-two-year terms.

Additionally, short-term volunteers, serving from two weeks to a year, go out by the hundreds each year through the board's offices of laymen

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CP Income Is 13% Ahead

Gifts from Mississippi Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program for world missions during October amounted to \$696,269, according to an announcement from the office of Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This figure amounts to an increase of 37 percent over the gifts of the same month of last year, Kelly pointed out, when receipts totaled \$508,081.

Cooperative Program gifts thus far during 1978 have amounted to \$7,270,529, Kelly said. This is to be compared with the budget figure for 10 months of \$7,196,667 and receipts for the same period of last year of

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Lottie Moon And Converts

—A recently discovered photo shows famed missionary Lottie Moon at age 60. The photo was made in 1900, when Miss Moon was forced by the Boxer Rebellion to flee from her station in China. She spent the year in Japan assisting Southern Baptist missionaries. She taught English to a class of young Japanese men. Three of them became Christians under her influence. They are pictured with her. In 1901 she returned to China and her regular duties as evangelist and teacher. Miss Moon is shown wearing her usual costume for that era — a Chinese robe over an American skirt. She adopted this style of dress for closer identification with the Chinese, for comfort, and for economy (See stories, page 5)

Board Sets Dedication Of Disaster Relief Unit

Mississippi Baptists officially enter the disaster relief ministry, Monday, Nov. 13.

That day, at 2 p.m., the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will hold a dedication service for the disaster relief equipment which has been completed.

The service will take place on the back parking lot of the Baptist Building at 515 Mississippi Street in Jackson, with several guest speakers.

Mississippi Governor Cliff Finch will speak during the service, explaining the relationship of the disaster unit to agencies in the state of Mississippi such as Civil Defense.

Al Panico, disaster service director for the Mississippi Division of the American Red Cross will explain the relationship of the unit to other volunteer organizations.

And Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will tell what the unit will mean to Mississippi Baptists.

Norman Godfrey, director of ministries section at the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Nashville, will offer the dedicatory prayer.

Recognition will be given during the short ceremony to the volunteers from Lee Baptist Association who gave primary leadership in customizing of

the unit and to task force members and area coordinators.

The main unit consists of a 40-foot moving van with cab, equipped with its own power source to be completely self-supporting. It has a water supply, can feed 5,000 meals a day, and carries first aid supplies, a limited supply of blankets and personal hygiene kits.

It will also serve as a command post for radio conversation to mobilize Baptists to respond to specific needs. It will have the capability of sending messages to relatives of those within the disaster area. And the unit can serve in long time recovery as a motel

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Children's Village Honors Three For "Talent, Time . . . Influence"

Earl Kelly, M. G. Reedy, and Hermon Dean have been honored by the Baptist Children's Village Board of Trustees in the naming of three cottages at Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County.

The ceremony honoring the three was held at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

The trustees indicated that the names of the honorees will be placed on the front of the building for which each one is named and a color portrait of the honoree will be hung in the foyer of the proper building.

Kelly is executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Reedy is pastor of First Baptist Church, Water Valley; and Dean, who lives in Canton, is the oldest practicing attorney in the state.

Attending the ceremony were the honorees: A. L. Rainey Jr. of Gulfport, president of The Village's Board of Trustees; Paul N. Nunnery, executive director of The Baptist Children's Village; T. Deane Rodgers, assistant executive director; and others.

A statement released jointly by Rainey and Nunnery cited the long personal and professional relationship of each honoree to Mississippi Baptist child care ministries at The Children's Village and the material contributions made by each honoree to The Village's mission of Christian child care.

"The long and honored tradition of Mississippi Baptist care of and concern for unfortunate children has been sustained through the genuinely personal interest and commitment of Mississippi Baptist leaders, from both pulpit and pew," Nunnery said.

"We deem it especially noteworthy that these splendid gentlemen have not only shared substantial portions of

their talents, time, energy, and influence with our Village ministry; each has deep and abiding interests in Tate County and in the area of the state in which our 'country-life campus' is located. Without them, and other Mississippi Christians like them, many of whom these men have led and influenced, our essential ministry to children and the family could not be sustained."

Earl Kelly has been the Executive Secretary - Treasurer of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, with offices in Jackson, since 1973. He was pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Jackson for six years and pastor of First Baptist Church of Holly Springs for 14 years. Earlier in his career he served as associate pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Tupelo. He was born at Ecru and is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, where he earned the B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. degrees. In 1974 Mississippi College conferred the honorary degree of doctor of divinity and the "Service to Humanity Award" in 1975-76.

Dean was born at Senatobia, where he married the late Mrs. Dean, then Clemmie Tucker, also of Senatobia, in 1909. He was educated at Stetson University in DeLand, Fla.; at Vanderbilt University; and at the University of Mississippi, graduating in the class of 1907. Dean is said to be one of the oldest alumni of both Vanderbilt and Ole Miss. He commenced the active practice of law in Brookhaven, immediately after graduation as a member of the partnership of Brady and Dean. He moved his home and his law practice to Canton in 1936, where he continues to live and work.

Dean is a member of First Baptist Church of Canton. He has been active in church and denominational affairs,



Three Mississippi Baptists have been honored by having cottages at the Farrow Manor campus of Baptist Children's Village named for them. A. L. Rainey Jr. of Gulfport, president of the Village board, chats with the three honorees, seated left to right, M. G. Reedy, Earl Kelly, and Hermon Dean. Paul Nunnery, executive director for the Village, stands.

having served as a member and an officer of the Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village for 18 years until 1963.

Nunnery served as a Village trustee with him, and Dean was a member of the group which extended to Nunnery the call to become administrator of Village affairs. He is a frequent visitor to Tate County and to the Village's Farrow Manor Campus, and he has written a history of Tate County.

Reedy has been pastor of First Baptist Church in Water Valley for nine years. He previously served pastorates in Tate County at First Baptist Church of Sardis and at other North Mississippi locations within the Farrow Manor Campus vicinity including Crenshaw Baptist Church, Ruleville Baptist Church, and Darling Baptist Church.

In addition he was pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Laurel immediately before assuming his cur-

rent responsibility. He was born in Aberdeen, and he is a graduate of both Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. Reedy is completing his 21st year of active service as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Baptist Children's Village, having first served in that capacity in the year 1948.

His trusteeship at The Baptist Children's Village has included leadership in beginning the operation of a children's home campus on the Tate County lands donated by "Miss Ada" Farrow of the Bett community, first under a long-term lease, and then, in April of 1977, in purchasing the lands upon which The Village was already operating the Farrow Manor Campus.

Reedy has served The Baptist Children's Village as a trustee longer than every other active trustee except one, and he maintains the longest record of service as a trustee of any Baptist pastor.

MBC Begins In Four Days

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tired president, Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

The Tuesday evening session will be devoted to a special program on the state convention board, followed by a reception at the Baptist Building honoring missionaries and chaplains.

Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, will offer a report on the Southern Baptist seminaries. And Ron Tonks, of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission staff will make his commission's report.

The Order of Business Committee which puts this convention together consists of Jim Keith, chairman, Gulfport; Graham Smith, vice chairman, Hattiesburg; Louis Smith, Canton; Glenn Sullivan, Clarksdale; Charles Stubblefield, Ecru; and Macklyn Hubbell, Cleveland.

King James

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The change in the "Life and Work Series" to the single contemporary translation accompanied the October introduction of the "Bible Book Series," which uses King James almost exclusively. In addition, the third major series of periodicals, the "Convention Uniform Series," prints the King James Version as the basic text.

Beirut Churches Damaged, Baptist Work Continues

By Frances Fuller

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — Two Baptist churches in the Beirut area were damaged during recent fighting between Syrian forces and right wing militia. No one was injured in the shelling and Baptist ministries are continuing.

A direct hit on the Bikfaya Baptist Church east of Beirut struck iron reinforcements and did not penetrate the wall. None of the 30 people in the building were harmed. The Baptist Relief Committee in Lebanon voted to spend \$3,500 from relief funds for building repair.

For the second time since the fighting began early this fall, the Badaro Street Baptist Church in Furnesshebbak, a suburb of Beirut, was damaged. Three rockets struck the building, including direct hits in the sixth-floor pastor's apartment and on the ground floor. The basement of this church is used as a shelter for church members and neighbors.

The shelling took place before the recent cease-fire, but damage could not be reported at that time because of interrupted cable service.

All of the Southern Baptist missionary personnel who left Beirut during the heaviest fighting in late

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Top leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have endorsed a \$125-million world budget for operating the denomination in 1979. The Church, with a total world membership of just over 3 million, has only 550,000 baptized members in North America. But, according to the Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, published by the National Council of Churches, Adventists have the highest per capita rate of giving among all denominations in North America.

Brookings, S. D. (BP) — More than 400 students made professions of faith, rededications or commitments to fulltime Christian service during a six-day evangelism rally at South Dakota State University. The South Dakota State's Baptist Student Union and National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board joined in the pilot project involving a university campus in a newer convention area of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Convention Child Care Will Be Available At FBC

Preschool care will be available for children, ages birth through five, at First Baptist Church, Jackson, during the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The nursery is located on the street level off President Street. Signs point the way.

Hours will be listed in the Daily Bulletin to be distributed during the convention.

The following are procedures to be followed:

1. Register, giving the names of the child or children, the parents and the church.
2. Be sure all belongings are labeled.

3. In the case of infants leave a time schedule for feeding.

4. Leave the children no earlier than 20 minutes before the beginning of a session and pick them up no later than 15 minutes after the close of the sessions.

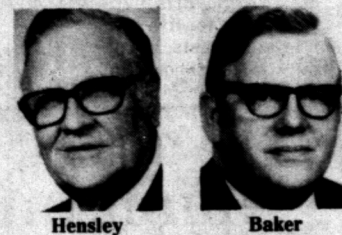
5. Children may stay through the noon meal if parents provide food — baby food or sack lunch. The Preschool staff will serve the children the noon meal only. Children must be picked up for the supper meal, as the Preschool will close between 5 and 6:30 p.m.

MBC Plans Church-State Relationship Discussion

A special feature of the Mississippi Baptist Convention this year will be a session Tuesday afternoon on "The Problems We Face."

This session will be related to the issues of separation of church and state. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Christian Action Commission will open the session with an outline of possible infringements of the state on religion.

John Baker, on the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., will explain the possibilities for the response of the



Hensley

Baker

church in these matters. Specific actions will be offered for Baptist churches and individuals to choose from.

Constitution, By-Laws Changes Will Be Proposed

Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws:

Section One: (Will not require action at this convention)

1 — The Constitution, Article III, Section 2: change "one messenger for the first hundred" to "two messengers for the first hundred." Reading when changed:

"Each such church shall be entitled to two messengers for the first hundred, or fraction thereof, of its membership, and one messenger for each additional one hundred members, or major fraction thereof, but no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers."

2 — The Plan of Organization and Action, Article I, Section 5: Add after the word president, "The first vice president and the second vice president." Reading when changed:

"The president and the first vice president of the convention and the state WMU president shall be ex-officio members of the Convention

Board." Section two (Will require action at this convention)

1 — The plan of Organization and Action, Article XXI, The Christian Action Commission, Section 1. The report of the previous year: to be amended by substitution "fifteen" (15) for "twelve" (12) members, and to add "with not more than nine (9) being either ordained ministers or lay persons."

The stipulation as to lay/minister ratio to be phased in as the current Commission members' eligibility expires.

2 — By-Law V, Election of officers, "The president, first vice president and second vice president of the convention are to serve one year terms in which they cannot succeed themselves."

3 — By-Law XI, Baptist Record, substitute in its entirety: "The Baptist Record Advisory Committee shall annually survey the general operation of the Baptist Record and make any observations that it should deem advisable to the Convention and to the Convention Board to the end that the Baptist Record might serve the needs of the Convention and Convention Board as their official journal."

4 — By-Law XV, Amendments.

Delete after "preceding day." The reading would then be: "These By-Laws may be suspended or amended in any annual meeting of the convention by vote of three-fourths of the members present and voting providing notice in writing shall have been given on the preceding day."

Respectfully submitted, Robert Self, chairman
Clyde Little
Jim Ham
James Webster
Rex Yancey

Mississippians Moving On Missions

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hardin and their daughter, of First Baptist Church, Winona, led a mission Vacation Bible School July 6-12 in Grafton and Rawlesburg, W. Va.

Traveling to Grafton in their own van, the Hardins slept in a tent supplied by Jon F. Caudle, Baptist minister in the area.

Mrs. Hardin reported that they were able to present the plan of salvation to children who had not heard it before and that they were able to place New

Testaments in their homes.

Before going to West Virginia, the family took a Bible school study course at their church and did a home study of material the Winona church supplied.

Hardin said he felt the trip gave his church a personal touch with missions in the pioneer field, "and caused them to realize the need is so great right here in our own USA." He added this church sent \$856 for remodeling of a facility in Grafton, "after we explained the need to them," he said.

Disaster Ministry Begins Nov. 13

Board Sets Dedication

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for volunteer construction crews.

In addition, the unit has a motor boat and a four-wheel drive van for travel over rough terrain.

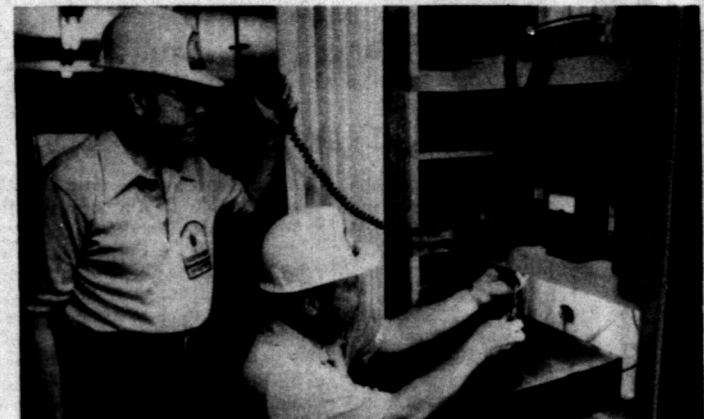
Acting Disaster Ministry in the state Brotherhood staff, and coordinator of disaster relief work for Mississippi Baptists, when the unit moves into an area, workers will identify with a local Baptist church "and coordinate with that church to help it in its ministry."

The unit has about \$70,000 worth of equipment. Expenses have been about \$15,000 for the cab and moving van. Equipping costs have been completely underwritten by Baptist laymen.

Task force members are: Jimmy Smith, Jackson (leader); Doug Day,

Starkville; Joe Waggener, Crystal Springs; Dan West, McComb; David McDonald, Wicksburg; Omega Shamblin, Vicksburg; Frank Simmons, Pass Christian; Eugene Dobbs, Philadelphia; James E. Smith, Houston; Sammy Platt, Columbus; and Maurice Clayton, Jackson.

Area coordinators are: Danny Prater, Lyon; Guy Culver, New Albany; M. C. Johnson, Greenwood; J. C. Mitchell, Columbus; David Myers, Jackson; Leon Young, Meridian; Eugene Roberts, Brookhaven; Maurice Flowers, Laurel; and Robert Tate, Gulfport.



Gene Dobbs of First Baptist, Philadelphia, and James Smith of First Baptist, Houston, install radio equipment in the van.



A power boat, shown here, plus a four-wheel drive vehicle are a part of the disaster unit.



Frank Simmons of Pass Christian, Dan West of Pike County, and Jimmy Smith of Jackson, inspect outdoor kitchen facilities on the van. As many as 5,000 meals can be served from the van per day.

Missionaries Safely Out Of Battle Zone

MWANZA, Tanzania (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries stationed near the Tanzania-Uganda border were reported Nov. 1 to be safely out of the battle area.

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Whitson are in Mwanza and missionary journeyman Ricky Owen is in Arusha, said Carol (Mrs. Roger W.) Brubeck, missionary stationed in Mwanza, in a telephone report.

Ugandan troops crossed the Tanzania border Oct. 30 and moved down the highway toward Bukoba according to wire service reports.

The Whitsons had gone to Arusha for a conference of general evangelists over the weekend. They had planned to return to Bukoba, where they are stationed, but stopped in Mwanza, where they will remain as a precaution until fighting stops, said Mrs. Brubeck.

Relations between Uganda and Tanzania have been strained since Ugandan President Idi Amin came to power in January 1971 in a coup that deposed President Milton Obote, who gained asylum in Tanzania.

MSC Overseas

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overseas, evangelism and church development, and the medical consultant. Baptist families moving overseas for secular reasons are also enlisted for active participation in overseas congregations. All of these programs are being stepped up to reach the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission Thrust goal of 10,000 volunteers on the foreign field annually by the year 2000.

The Home Mission Board has a similar range of short-term volunteer programs other than Mission Service Corps. The Home Board's goal is 100,000 volunteers a year by 1986.

Lay People Proclaim Bible Sunday

NEW YORK — Thousands of lay people will take to the pulpits of their local churches to proclaim what has become an annual celebration — Bible Sunday. The date set is Nov. 19.

The purpose of the event is to encourage people to read and study the Word of God, and to help in the work of sharing Scriptures both at home and abroad through the American Bible Society.

This year's theme for Bible Sunday, which many churches celebrate the Sunday before Thanksgiving, is "Good News for Everyone Everywhere."

It is being commemorated by a number of specially-prepared Scripture Selections. "A Celebration of the Bible," consisting of Psalm 19:7-14 in the Good News Bible translation, has been designed for congregational responsive reading. "Let Us Thank God" is an appropriate Selection from 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 for both Thanksgiving Day and Bible Sunday.

ABS is assisting individual churches by offering its wide array of Scriptures, films and filmstrips to those congregations seeking resources to enrich their celebration of Bible Sunday.

The American Bible Society has also

prepared a "1979 Daily Bible Reading Guide," which will encourage millions of people to reach passages from the Scriptures every day during the year to come. In 1944 a young marine on Guadalcanal requested that his family in the United States join him in the daily reading of the same passages from the Bible. Out of this experience came the idea of a "Daily Bible Reading Guide."

The origins of Bible Sunday go back to 1900 when the American Bible Society passed a resolution encouraging "all churches to devote one service a year to the presentation of the Bible cause." Beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt, each President of the United States has issued an annual announcement to inaugurate these observances.

Bible Sunday starts the annual observance of National Bible Week scheduled this year for Nov. 19-25. The American Bible Society and representatives of most of the major religious bodies in the United States cooperate each year to make Bible Sunday a significant spiritual event.

For further information about Good News Bible Sunday materials, write the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10023.



This cheerful Thai boy reads the Scriptures as he sits alongside one of the canals which dot Bangkok, Thailand's capital. November 19, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, millions of Americans will be celebrating Bible Sunday under the auspices of the American Bible Society and their denominations, so that people all over the world, like this young man, may receive the blessing of God's Word.

The Missions Task Communication

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department

In an effort to reduce traffic accidents involving their drivers, a trucking company secured a slogan to be placed on the dash of each of its trucks. The slogan read: "Don't never assume nothing." Poor grammar but good advice!

It is easy for any of us to assume that because we know something others around us also know it. Chester Quarles used to say to me, "It takes five years just to say 'hello' to Southern Baptists."

One of my fellow workers came in the other day rather disturbed that a prominent Baptist relative in another state knew absolutely nothing about BOLD MISSION THRUST. My friend felt it was because his relatives' pastor had failed to pass along to the church what he himself knew about BOLD MISSION THRUST. Baptists need to know. We cannot survive on ignorance.

Brother pastor, have you carefully informed your congregation about the greatest mission challenge of our time? Are you keeping the challenge before them? Are you leading them to pray regularly for the success of BOLD MISSION THRUST?

People in the churches have a right to know, to feel the burden and blessing of this world-wide effort, to be challenged to sacrifice for its success, and become personally involved in some needy area of the nation and the world.

BOLD MISSION THRUST will succeed or fail one church at a time! In God's earthly kingdom you and your church are one unit. When you do your share, even more than your share, you are helping God's work go forward in the world. Until your people understand the urgency of this effort, the eternal consequences associated with its success, and what they can and should do to see that the gospel is heard throughout the world, they will not become excited about it.

If we are failing to communicate, we are failing! God needs in every church men who are effective communicators. The success of this and other missions depends upon it. There are multiplied millions of dollars in the control of Baptists that might be sent on their way to meet the needs of a lost world if those holding the money only had the needs effectively communicated to them.

Over 1,600 pastors in Mississippi have access to over 1,900 churches that are potential supporters of and participants in BOLD MISSION THRUST. Brother pastor, please take time to inform and challenge your people. Let it never be said of you what Henry IV said to one of his absent generals: "Go hang thyself, brave Crillon. We won a great victory, and you were not there."

Young Adults Conference Will Be Held In Tupelo

Joe Haynes, a former Consultant with the Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department, and now an associate in the Program Production Section, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be a conference leader for the Young Adult Sunday School Leadership Conference at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, November 17, 1978.

The conference begins with a banquet meal at 6 p.m. and concludes after the training session, promptly at 10 p.m. Haynes will speak to all those participating in the Leadership Conference at the banquet.

Following the banquet will be two

specialized conferences — one for teachers of young adults, led by Haynes, and one for directors and outreach leaders led by Mose Dangerfield, young adult consultant, Mississippi Baptist Sunday School Department. This leadership conference is open to all who lead, direct or teach young adults in Sunday School, including married young adults, single young adults, college, and career young adults.

Reservations for the banquet meal are being made now thru the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss 39205.

Harrison Will Speak At New Orleans Lunch

The annual New Orleans Seminary alumni luncheon will be held at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the Chapel Dining Room of First Church, Jackson.

Representing the seminary will be George Harrison, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew for almost 20 years.

Tickets for the steak luncheon will be \$4.00 each, and will be available from various alumni during the state convention. Elmo McLaurin, vice-president of the state alumni, has announced that since the chapel dining room holds only 180 persons, tickets will be honored on a first come — first sold basis.

Presiding over the luncheon will be Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus. The new minister of music from the Columbus Church, Wilson Henderson, will sing. Bob Self of Batesville is in charge of arrangements.

Hello, Baptists

By Jerilynn Wood
NASHVILLE — Today, one out of every four Southern Baptists is not a member of a local Southern Baptist church.

Nonresident membership in Southern Baptists churches is a growing problem with over 3.6 million nonresident members in the United States. More than 357,000 nonresident members have been added to the ranks of inactive Baptists since 1973 making this increase equivalent to losing the active involvement of all Southern Baptists in Indiana every year for five years.

Hello Baptists, a project to locate and enlist nonresident South-

ern Baptists in active church life, is a program designed by the Sunday School Board to help local churches slow down the increase in nonresident members.

"We need local churches to stay in touch with members that move away because if these people do not find new church homes within a few months they usually become inactive," said Gerry Peak, coordinator of the Hello Baptists Desk.

Involvement in this program begins by the home church checking its membership rolls and making a list of all members who have moved away but have not moved their membership. Then the church contacts the Hello Bap-

Where Are You?

tists Desk at the Sunday School Board, and requests enough Hello Baptists information cards to record one family per card.

"The process takes diligence on the part of several people for it to be carried out," Peak said. "The first link is the local church showing enough concern about its members to begin the task."

Hello Baptists is a project which pastors, ministers of education, and Sunday School directors have been interested in. Also many churches have called upon the resources and talents of WMUs, Brotherhoods, senior citizens, and other groups to handle the project.

"The Hello Baptists program has been more fun than I have ever had in my life!" said Mrs. Theophilus T. Brown of Hattiesburg, Miss.

Two years ago Mrs. Brown headed up a committee of six women who took the task of trying to locate 703 nonresident members on their church roll. They are now down to 183.

All materials for the Hello Baptists program are free. Churches interested in participating, write to: Hello Baptists Desk, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234.

"Community Standards" Rule Remains As Obscenity Guide

WASHINGTON (BP) — Over the objections of three justices, the U. S. Supreme Court declined to disturb the convictions of four men in three states found guilty of violating obscenity laws.

But the court agreed to decide if state laws giving blanket preference to veterans in hiring plans violate constitutional rights of women passed over for civil service jobs.

It also agreed to decide if a Georgia law which allows the mother but not the father of an illegitimate child to

sue for damages in the event of the child's "wrongful" death amounts to illegal sex discrimination.

Two of the obscenity cases denied by the high court came on appeal from Georgia, with the other two coming from Massachusetts and New Jersey.

In denying the appeals, the court seemed to signal its unwillingness for now to take on a multitude of court challenges to its 1973 "Community Standards" rule which has controlled obscenity cases for the past five years. The 1973 ruling declared that local

communities must determine for themselves what constitutes obscenity for their own citizens.

Since then the high court has refused repeatedly to accept cases challenging that ruling and asking the justices to establish a more uniform national standard.

The three dissenting justices — William J. Brennan Jr., Potter Stewart and Thurgood Marshall — announced that in all four cases they would have reversed the convictions. The three have consistently criticized the court majority's obscenity stance.

CP Income 13% Ahead

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\$432,887. This year's Cooperative Program gifts are \$837,642, or 13 percent, ahead of the same period of last year and \$73,862 ahead of the budget needs for this year, Kelly noted.

"Mississippi Baptists continued to exhibit their conviction that world missions needs must be met," Kelly said. "If we are to accomplish our goals established for Bold Mission Thrust, if we are to carry a Christian witness to everyone in the world by the end of the century, this conviction must be continued and even strengthened."

High Attendance Day Pulls In 209,726

High Attendance Day in the Mississippi Baptist Convention was Sunday, Oct. 29. A promotion to pull in all members of Baptist Sunday Schools to have them all in class on the same day, the day gathered in a total attendance of 209,726 persons attending Bible studies. Goal for the day was 235,000.

Following is a listing by association of attendance for that date.

Adams, 2180; Alcorn, 3464; Attala 2197; Benton 707; Bolivar 2238; Calhoun 3389; Carroll 1014; Chickasaw 1466; Choctaw 1290; Clarke 2158; Clay 1769; Copiah 2606; Covington 1423; DeSoto 4971; Franklin 1164; George 1714; Greene 990; Grenada 1703; Gulf Coast 6630; Hinds-Madison 20,779; Holmes 1141; Humphreys 755; Itawamba 1047; Jackson 6062; Jasper 1127; Jeff Davis 1417;

Jones 7265; Kemper 560; Lafayette 2307; Lamar 1673; Lauderdale 6794; Lawrence 1780; Leake 1720; Lebanon 6535; Lee 6773; Leflore 1864; Lincoln 4580; Lowndes 3733; Marion 2587; Marshall 1715; Mississippi 1799; Monroe 3406; Montgomery 1790; Neshoba 2455; New Choctaw 525; Newton 2341; Noxubee 570; Oktibeha 2403; Panola 2312; Pearl River 4102; Perry 1244; Pike 3566; Pontotoc 3941; Prentiss 2054; Quitman 1131; Rankin 7305; River-side 2700; Scott 2553; Sharkey-Issaquena 545; Simpson 3723; Smith 2857; Sunflower 1755; Tallahatchie 1035; Tate 2242; Tippah 2861; Tishomingo 1613; Union 376; Union County 4274; Walthall 1334; Warren 3087; Washington 3322; Wayne 1702; Webster 1788; Winston 2401; Yalobusha 1682; Yazoo 1645.

Carey Alumni Will Breakfast At Convention

A complimentary breakfast for all William Carey College alumni and spouses attending the Mississippi Baptist Convention is planned for Wed., Nov. 15, at 8 a.m.

The annual affair is sponsored by the Carey Alumni Association and will feature Southern Baptist missionaries Bob and Delores Magee. The Magees are Carey alumni and are on furlough from their music ministry in Bogota, Colombia.

The Youth Fellowship Center of Jackson's First Church will be the scene of the breakfast. Invitations have been mailed to all alumni whose current addresses are in the Carey alumni files. Others are urged to attend and to please confirm reservations through the alumni office.



Bob Magee, furloughing music, missionary from Bogota, Colombia, and William Carey alumnus, will be the featured personality for the Carey Alumni Breakfast on Nov. 15.

Griffin Bell Participates In Dilday Inauguration

FORT WORTH, Tex (BP) — Russell H. Dilday Jr. was inaugurated as the sixth president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during a week featuring speeches by United States Attorney General Griffin Bell and Baker J. Cauten, executive director, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Bell, a former deacon at Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, where Dilday was pastor before coming to Southwestern, brought greetings to his former pastor from President Jimmy Carter during a seminary-sponsored luncheon for Fort Worth business and civic leaders.

The attorney general, now a member of First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., told the business

and civic leaders that government must cut back on the burdensome abundance of regulations.

"The U. S. Government has more regulations over us than King George III" had over England, said Bell, who declared that "five percent of the annual gross national product is governmental paperwork."

Earlier, Dilday addressed 2,000 persons who witnessed his inauguration as successor to Robert E. Naylor, now president emeritus. "Many people ask me about an oversupply of ministers," said Dilday, who became president, Aug. 1. "How can there be an oversupply of ministers when we have more than 136 million unsaved people in this country alone? How can there be an

oversupply when our missionary needs are overextended?"

Cauten noted that 40 percent of the Southern Baptist foreign missionaries are graduates of Southwestern Seminary, where about 3,500 students are enrolled presently.

"God has seen fit to make you what you are today, the largest evangelical seminary in the world," Cauten said during the inaugural ceremony. "God has answered prayers, multiplied efforts and brought Southwestern to a new place in world prominence."

"Many seminaries today send out SOS — Save Our Seminary," Dilday said. "We at Southwestern can also send out an SOS: the Spirit of Southwestern and the Strength of Southwestern."

Southern Seminary Alumni Plan State Meeting

Earl Guinn, professor of Christian preaching at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will speak to Southern Seminary alumni in Mississippi during their annual meeting at 12:15 p.m., Nov. 15 in the Skyroom of the Baptist Building in Jackson.

The alumni gathering is being held in conjunction with this year's Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meeting.

James Foster Yates of Yazoo City is president of the state alumni association.

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Editorials

It is Time . . .

Pornography Needs To Go

The time has come for Mississippi's laws relating to the dissemination of pornography to be restructured. The state has such laws on its books now, but there is little effort at enforcement. The courts have declared that they are so general in their wording that convictions could not be obtained. Because of this situation only the more raw of the purring interest publications are kept behind some kind of covering to shield young eyes from them as they are offered for sale even in some grocery stores. Otherwise the

magazine stands of many family-oriented stores are stocked with publications that are shocking enough as far as the covers are concerned but leave little to the imagination when attention is turned to the contents. They can be purchased by anyone, and the only way to describe the philosophy of many of them is to declare they are sick.

These are publications of the "romance" types.

An ad hoc group of interested persons has initiated actions to seek to

find a remedy for the situation. The group has met twice — once at the Baptist Building at the invitation of Clark Hensley, executive director of the Baptist Christian Action Commission, and once at the Methodist Building at the invitation of Don Wildmon, director of the National Federation for Decency.

Three legislators were in the second meeting and are ready to be a part of the effort to remedy the condition. They are Senators Bill Harpole of Starkville and Charles Pickering of

Laurel and Rep. Wayne Burkes of Hinds County.

These men plan to begin to move the needed legislation along the path toward adoption. They need support of the people of the state. Bills have not been written as yet, but they are in the process of being researched and structured.

When more information is available it will be given. This is one time the people need to rise up and say it is time and past time to take care of the pornography problem.

June Target Date . . .

Central Hills Work Under Way

Work is moving ahead on Central Hills Baptist Retreat again, and that is an encouraging development. As was noted in last week's issue, the development committee has approved the floor plan and design drawing, and the architect is proceeding with working drawings for a camp center building. The committee hopes to be able to advise for bids by early in December, and we all are anxious to be using Central Hills Baptist Retreat for RA camps by June 1 of next year.

Plans have been restructured since the initial designs were introduced. The concept for the retreat that is the guiding principle at this point is not as elaborate as was first conceived. It is a fine plan, however, and it is what we

need. Central Hills Baptist Retreat will be a lovely place for boys to go for spiritual growth and in many instances to meet the Lord for the first time. It is 360 acres of beautifully wooded hills just northwest of Kosciusko, where it will be easily accessible to every boy in the state.

The boys and their counselors will stay in permanent-type tents that will be mounted on platforms that will be 10 by 12 feet. They will be situated in a circle so that the counselor will be able to keep a check on every tent for which he is responsible.

There will be two completely modern bathhouses in the tenting area.

The camp center building, a model of which was pictured on Page 1 last

week, will include dining facilities, a kitchen, the camp offices, and residence rooms for staff members and program guests. The 66 tents will house 132 boys and their counselors, and the dining hall will seat about 140. The rustic building which will be nestled among the towering pines and beautiful hardwood trees of the area will have two fireplaces for a homey touch when the weather is nippy.

Dean and Dean is the architectural firm on the camp center building and the firm has created a very interesting structure that will be well suited for its use and location.

The development of Central Hills had to be placed in a holding pattern for awhile as financial arrangements

were in a bit of a pinch; and when the development got under way again there was a necessity for almost starting over due to a scaling down of the concept.

It is full speed ahead at this point, however, and it will not be many months until there is a beautiful facility in those hills that will thrill the heart of every boy who is fortunate enough to find himself there in God's gigantic cathedral — the outdoors. And every boy who has the desire to be there can be that fortunate.

This is a ministry that will touch thousands of lives and will continue for many years as the sands of time trickle away.

Guest Opinion . . .

First Amendment Erosion — Shall We Take It Lying Down?

By J. Clark Hensley

The ruling of Internal Revenue (January 1977) on "integrated auxiliaries," despite the disclaimers of the bureaucrats, steps way out of government domain to define the mission of a church by saying that institutions such as our colleges, Medical Center, and Children's Village are not agencies of our churches through our denominational organization patterns. The ruling steps further out of bounds into "excessive entanglement" by requiring such institutions that they claim are not missions of the church to file "information income tax returns," thus diverting mission money from the direct objects of the churches' missions.

In the arena of state government, we have had here in Mississippi the appalling situation of the State Tax Commission confiscating church financial records and assessing taxes on purchases that have been made outside Mississippi. While to their credit, our State legislature recently corrected church property tax inequities, they have consistently refused to exempt church purchases including literature from our own publishing house from sales tax. To tax church literature thus produced is the same as though they would tax a farmer for grain grown and ground into feed for use on his own farm or the same as coming into a church to tax materials produced on a church printing press for the use of the congregation. The rationale for church tax exemption must be rethought and we must be committed to these principles if they are valid.

Does the power to tax convey the power to destroy? In discussing the church literature tax issue, one Mis-

issippi representative stated on the State house floor: "There's some church literature I would like to tax out of existence."

Another legitimate question: What is the rationale of tuition subsidy granted to students or tuition tax credits granted to parents on the college level but being denied students in private schools on the secondary and elementary levels? What has been the result in terms of excessive entanglement and control when there is direct aid to sectarian schools? What, if any, is the validity of construction grants to sectarian schools when the buildings are used for purely secular purposes? Can any school property in a Baptist controlled and related school be declared to be secular? For example — Is the new Mississippi Law School building here in Jackson, so generously given and deeply appreciated by all interested in Mississippi College, a "secular purpose" building? If purely secular, on what grounds can Mississippi College operate a law school or William Carey a nursing school?

How far should the government go in defining the nature of the faculty, the curriculum and the extra curricular activities of such schools? Can they be said to have a religious purpose? In what sense are they Christian? In short, how much government control or interference can we tolerate before we can properly accuse government of defining our church mission or of excessive entanglement and First Amendment violations.

Mississippi Baptists should develop some real convictions on these and kindred issues. We expect John Baker of the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington not only to give some insight but inspiration during the coming convention that will challenge us to some positive constructive action as Christians in the church-state arena.

James Leo Garrett, Jr., writing in the Baptist Standard Oct. 4, 1978: on Church-Separation: U. S. Legacy, (Baptist Record, Oct. 19) stated: "On one hand, as separatists, Baptists need to resist the lure of Federal and State tax money for their institutions and their ordained ministers however indirect, legal and available such money may be, for with such money inevitably comes the imposition of government policy and government control. . . . On the other hand, as participants in the moral consensus that is rooted in the Decalogue . . . Baptists need to resist the persistent efforts of humanists, secularists, and Atheists and their allies to break down that moral consensus and to substitute their man-oriented ethics for the moral imperatives which both Judaism and Christianity, both Catholic and Protestant, have recognized as the legacy of revealed religion."

T. B. Maston, dean of ethicists among Southern Baptists, recently stated that he felt Church and State was the most critical issue facing Baptists in our day. Shall we face it with intelligence and courage or hide our heads in the sand while our noble birthright is taken from us?

Halloween — Unchristian

Dear Editor:

I am becoming concerned about an increasing trend in Baptist and other churches in the observance of Halloween, the most unchristian of all days. To compound the felony, we ignore all hallow's days which could have at least a modicum of redeeming virtue, depending upon whom we follow.

I will not recite the history of Halloween in this letter but I will encourage every Christian to read about it in an encyclopedia.

Having read said history, many will say "Oh, but we don't worship demons. We are just having fun." I Thes. 5:22 admonishes us not to engage in activities which can readily be associated with evil. If witches and demons are not readily associated with evil then there is no evil in this world. "But I just love to see the little children in their costumes when they go trick-or-treating." To say "trick or treat" or to say "your money or your life" differ only in degree. The principle we are teaching our children is, "give me what I want or I will do you a hurt." Is that what Jesus taught his disciples? Matt. 7:12.

I do not advocate a resurgence of Holy days, but it seems incongruous that Christians recognize Halloween and pay no attention to Passover, Pentecost, or Yom Kippur, days which played an important part in the development of the revelation of our Saviour.

We, as Christians, need to reevaluate our priorities and decide to what extent we will be in the world without becoming of the world. James 2:18-20.

Robert C. Woodman
Hattiesburg

Doctoral Program In Jackson

Dear Editor:

It was a pleasure to talk with you today. The following information is for your use in The Baptist Record:

New Orleans Seminary has offered Doctor of Ministry seminars at the Baptist Building in Jackson during the past three years. Qualified persons must make application for admission to the program if it is to be continued.

Among the requirements for admission are the master of divinity degree

or equivalent theological preparation from an accredited institution and four semester hours of Greek and four semester hours of Hebrew; a minimum grade of B on all prior theological work; and a minimum of three years of substantial professional experience.

Persons interested in the program should write Dr. Bradford Curry at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard 70126. A prompt response to all inquiries is assured.

Bradford Curry
New Orleans Seminary

Work In Nassau

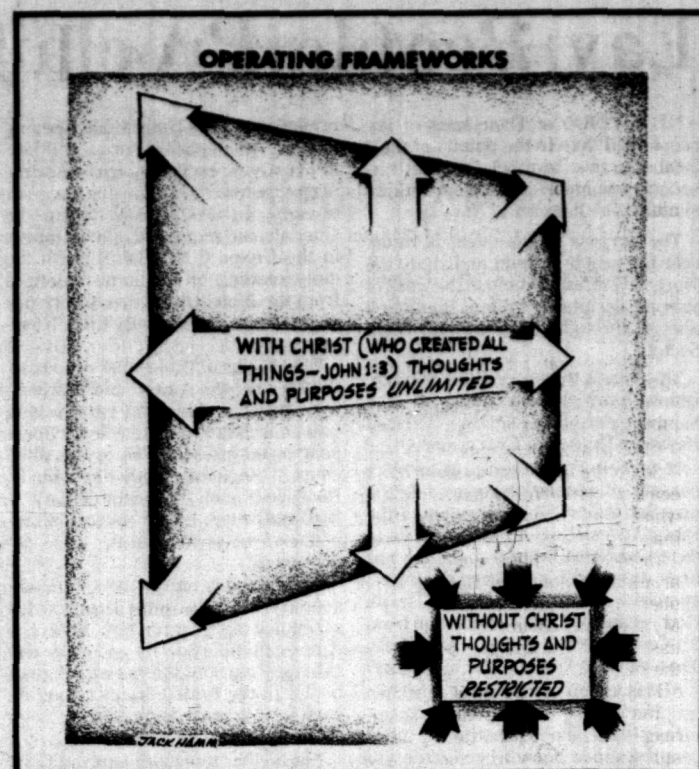
Dear Editor:

Time for the yearly greetings! I hope all of you are well and happy.

One of my problems at the end of last year was trying to reproduce the Bible Way Correspondence Course developed in Zambia so that we could use it here. By the end of the year I had done five of the nine books (most done by way of the stencil cutter, electric, and then mimeographed). In January two girls came to work with Central Baptist Church under the Mission Service Corps. Beth Patterson and Chera Sneed took a semester off from Ouachita Baptist University and spent five months here. Besides their work with the church they helped in several other areas of our mission work. They completed the reproduction of the Bible Correspondence Course, which was a lifesaver for me. In addition, they provided much needed companionship for me. They enjoy going to the beach as much as I do, so I got to go every week or two, which was a tremendous help. (It isn't safe to go alone here.)

Now I have another companion, Janet Herbert, a journeyman, who came on August 15. Her primary job is in accounting and bookkeeping in various areas of the mission work. She lives in the apartment next to mine and she loves going to the beach — isn't that great!

I have been getting out the BAHAMAS BAPTIST GAZETTE every month. We lost the executive editor but were able to get a lady to call around and obtain news from each of the churches each month. Two of the missionaries helped in adapting devotionals for use in the paper for several months. Beth and Chera did the Chil-



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Hurricane Hits Miskito Churches

The hurricane that hit Honduras recently did tremendous damage to Baptist churches in the isolated, marshy area known as the Mosquito Coast.

Because these churches are so cut off from civilization, and have no way of communicating with the outside world, extent of the damage was not known for several weeks.

When Landon Wilkerson, missionary to the Miskito Indians in that area, visited the villages on his regular preaching route, he found many churches ruined and some whole villages totally gone.

He described the damage, in a partial listing:

CARATASCA — Pastorium destroyed, minor damage to church, canoe destroyed (village destroyed); CAUGUIRA — Pastorium partly destroyed, church partly destroyed, canoe destroyed, (about 200 houses destroyed); YAMATA — Church destroyed, pastorium destroyed, (village destroyed); AURATA — Pastorium badly damaged, canoe destroyed (village lost few homes); PUSWAYA — Church severely damaged, pastorium destroyed, canoe lost (village hit hard); RATLAYA — Church destroyed, pastorium destroyed (village destroyed).

UNCONFIRMED REPORTS SAY: PAKWI — Church and pastorium destroyed. USABILLA — Church and pastorium destroyed. BENKA — Church destroyed.

Reports are pending for Rayamuna,

Waranta, Cropunta and Ahuas. (Suspect heavy damage at most).

Most of the homes in the area are built on stilts and have thatched roofs. Some churches have thatched roofs. Others are of wood with metal roofs. The people in the villages built their own churches, often assisted by Landon.

When Landon and his wife Pat went to the state of Gracias a Dios 11 years ago, there were three Baptists in the state and no Baptist churches. Now there are 2,000 baptized believers. (I wrote about their work in my August 31 column.)

Several mission points have been established over the border in Nicaragua, too, for many Miskito Indians also live there. However, Landon reports that due to political and military troubles in Nicaragua these missions have been temporarily closed.

Landon has written that the most immediate needs are for beans, rice, flour, milk, and nails, 2½", 3½", and 6".

First Baptist Church, Apopka, Florida, one of the Wilkersons' chief supporters, has been working on every possible source for sending help, especially food.

This mission work with the isolated Miskitos is supported by a group of churches in West Virginia, Kentucky, Florida, and Mississippi. First Church, Yazoo City, and the Agricultural Missions Foundation are among those who have contributed to it.

Letters to the Editor

dren's Page. I've been doing everything else.

While I am on furlough, Nov. 30, 1978, to March 30, 1979, the youth work will go on all right because it is in the hands of a committee of the Bahamas National Baptist Convention and of the officers and committees of the Baptist Youth People's Fellowship. How the GAZETTE will fare, I don't know.

My furlough address is 5939 Clinton Blvd., Jackson, Miss 39209.

Antonina Canzoneri
Missionary, Nassau

Thanks From Nicaragua

Dear Mrs. McWilliams:

Time has passed so fast and so much has happened since last May that I don't recall if I ever expressed my appreciation for your fine article about Ed Causey of Gloster. It was a good article, and so representative. I liked the way you wrote it and could identify with all of it.

Also, I want to congratulate you for your articles in the August 31 edition of the Baptist Record. I was interested in the one about the Mantee Baptist Church Mission Fund. Just today, I received letters from the Foreign Mission Board regarding the evangelists who will be able to participate in the Nicaragua Evangelistic Campaign because of the contribution of this church. The article about the Landon Wilkerson's work among the Miskito Indians in Honduras was interesting, especially since the majority of Mis-

kitos live in Nicaragua. The campaign has been postponed to May.

We have been back at our place of service for four months. These have been very full and exciting (sometimes frightening) months. We were not very close to the fighting during the September uprising, but have seen the awful results of it. Thousands of families are out of work and have very little food. The Foreign Mission Board has granted us \$8,000 which we are administering through the Nicaragua Baptist Convention to buy food staples for affected persons. The Convention has been very grateful for this help coming from Southern Baptists.

Our literature ministry has continued, and is expanding despite the fact some sales are down due to the economic crisis. Many people are looking for Bibles and religious materials, especially related to prophecy and Christ's return. We also serve as the principal source of Bible teaching materials for Sunday School. Recently we have added Sunday School literature for four English language congregations here, mainly on the Atlantic Coast. So in the midst of uncertainty we are trying to minister to spiritual needs through literature and physical needs through relief efforts coordinated with the Nicaragua Baptist Convention.

Please remember us in prayer. Our regards to the staff of the Baptist Record.

Stanley D. Stamps
Missionary to Nicaragua



The Faith Section of your Budget

The budget committee had mulled over, written down, altered, and finally came up with a budget they thought acceptable for their church. Each item had been carefully considered and in most areas raised a few dollars to cover inflation and the usual growth. They sighed with relief for a moment, and then a deacon hit them with a verbal depth charge.

"I move we increase the budget by 10 percent." The committee sat stunned but the deacon continued. "Everything in the budget is something we know we can do. It leaves little room for faith. Lets raise it 10 percent by faith and see what God can do among us." Soon the others had become excited about this step of faith and a new budget was planned, one that was far above what they "knew" they could do. It would take faith to reach it.

—Guy Henderson, Consultant For Cooperative Program Promotion

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Lottie Moon As I Know Her

By Catherine Allen
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — "Lottie Moon was a saint."
"Lottie Moon was a disgruntled old maid."
"Lottie Moon was the most brilliant woman in the south."
"Lottie Moon was a radical women's libber."
"Lottie Moon was a Confederate spy."
"Lottie Moon is a girl our church is putting through college."
"Lottie Moon starved to death so the Chinese could eat."
"Lottie Moon was nuts."
So go the impressions about the deceased Southern Baptist missionary whose name is attached to the Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. In these and other notions floating around the Southern Baptist atmosphere, there is at least a grain of truth. My job and pleasure for the past year has been to find, analyze, and preserve the facts.
It has been more than 50 years since a major, well-researched book has been written about Lottie. Yet people still want to know who she was, why she was, and why she is revered. In fact, with the high tide of interest in significant women of the past, people are so eager for Lottie stories that they manufacture them at the drop of a clue.
No wonder. With a name and a legend that may this year help attract \$40,000,000 for foreign missions, she must be worth studying.
A New Book
Woman's Missionary Union and Broadman Press are joining forces to bring out the truth about Lottie Moon. The Foreign Mission Board is assist-

ing fully. I have been asked to research and write the book.
It will be published in the spring of 1980. In less than one year the manuscript must be complete. Along with the book will come a filmstrip and other resources.
This much about Lottie is definite: She was born in December, 1840 (the exact day is unknown).
She had a good family and an exceptional education.
She taught school, then answered God's call to serve in China as a missionary. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board sent her out in 1873.
She began her career as a teacher. Then she dug into field work and evangelism among Chinese women. Her itinerant evangelistic work led her to a remote village called Pingtu. There she buried herself, the lone white person for miles around, to live a Chinese life as a Christian. From this outpost she wrote home letters which helped build momentum for organizing Woman's Missionary Union.
Christmas Offering
Lottie also gave WMU its first big project: a Christmas offering to raise supplementary funds for foreign missions. This offering financed reinforcements for Miss Moon, so that she got her first furlough in 14 years.
As she aged, she became more confined to the city base of Tengchow, where she resumed schools for girls and women. She became the unofficial trainer for new missionaries. She became somewhat of a mystic.
Lottie worked hard and became alone in the world. People began to push her onto a pedestal, though she never knew it.
She died of malnutrition enroute to

the US on Christmas Eve, 1912, was cremated, and shipped in a plain brown wrapper to the Foreign Mission Board.
In 1918 WMU named the Christmas offering, which had caught on as an annual event, for her.
Does this life qualify for Baptist sainthood?
That, plus many basic missing facts, is what I am racing to discover. Lottie's relatives, the few remaining persons who knew her personally, the Foreign Mission Board staff, and Baptist historians across the country have come forward with valuable discoveries.
Many Questions
Many questions remain unsolved: when was she engaged to C. H. Toy, who was forced to resign from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary? When and why did she tutor in Bishopville, South Carolina? In Alabama? What did she do between 1858 and 1868? Did she have a Chinese sweetheart? Why did she starve herself? What happened to her sister who became a Catholic nun?
One thing is clear to me in the big drawer full of data already uncovered: The real Lottie Moon will be far more interesting and awe-inspiring than the legendary woman.
Many Baptists with whose families Miss Moon corresponded are holding important clues in their trunks and treasure boxes. On behalf of WMU, Broadman, and the Foreign Mission Board, I invite those persons to come forward to share in this historic project.
(Mrs. Allen is public relations director, WMU, SBC.)

On Volunteer Missions

Grandmother Goes To Ohio 20 Times Within 10 Years

By Anne McWilliams
A grey-haired grandmother from Jackson has been a volunteer missionary to Ohio for ten years.
During that time she has traveled to Youngstown twice a year. She has gone by church bus, pick-up truck, Greyhound bus, in her own car, and by plane.
Mrs. Katie V. Wilson has been a Sunday School teacher at Van Winkle Church for 33 years, except for the two or three years she taught at Birch Hill, then a mission of Van Winkle, and she has a 21-year record of perfect attendance at Sunday School.
Her expenses to Ohio have been paid for by her church, individual friends, and herself. She says that if you make yourself available God will provide the way.

Only a week or two ago Mrs. Wilson returned home after helping the Cornersburg Baptist Church in Youngstown celebrate its 10th anniversary.
Ten years ago the late Herman Milner, pastor of Van Winkle Church, and a group of Mississippi men traveled to Youngstown; as a result of their visit a mission was organized. One of the men in the group was Melvin Jones, a Mississippi native and Mississippi College graduate, who returned as pastor of the church that grew from the mission.
Each year, for the past ten years, a busload of young people has gone from Van Winkle Church to teach in Vacation Bible Schools and to do personal visitation in Youngstown. Each year Mrs. Wilson has gone with the young people. Then later in the year she returned alone for a two to four week stay to do follow-up visitation and witnessing.

The time she went in a pick-up, she drove part of the way so that Pastor Jones, whose pick-up it was, could sleep a few hours. When he woke up she was driving 70 miles an hour. That was before the 55-mile an hour limit.
To celebrate the tenth anniversary the church had a fellowship dinner on Saturday evening and a special service on Sunday morning. Mrs. Wilson was one of the guest speakers.
Also she addressed a group of Sunday School teachers, visited prospects with the pastor, and alone, and visited two other churches, The Northside Church and the Liberty Church. She and Mary Nell Jones, the pastor's wife, cleaned and dusted the Cornersburg church before the fellowship dinner.

At the anniversary service on Sunday morning, and again at the meeting of the Steel Valley Association which she attended, the congregation stood in tribute to Herman Milner in appreciation of what he meant to the work in Youngstown.
While in Ohio each year Mrs. Wilson usually has stayed with Melvin Jones and his wife and five children. (One of the daughters, Lillian, is now a student at MC.)

"The work there is hard work," Mrs. Wilson said, "for you don't get a lot of quick responses." Besides door to door visitation, she has talked with people in drug stores, in washateria's — wherever she has found them.

She said, "I always ask, 'What is your relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ?' because if you ask, 'Are you a Christian?' a person may respond with the name of his denomination or with something like 'I try to be.'"

One night she was to go with a busload of young people to a meeting, but the bus left her. At first she felt sorry for herself, but then realized there were hundreds of people within walking distance to whom she could witness. At one house where she stopped the couple seemed somewhat interested. Three times after that she returned to talk with them. Later both made professions of faith. "You surely are persistent," the man at that house told her.

She answered him, "If you saw a stack of logs rolling over a cliff and a man on top of the logs going over the cliff, wouldn't you reach out and try to help him?"
She and one of her sons bought a pew for the Liberty Church where Tom and Joyce Theriot minister.
The first person baptized in Liberty's new baptistry was a man to whom Mrs. Wilson had witnessed on one of her earlier trips to Youngstown. When she saw him this fall, he told her, "I never forgot the caring expression on

your face as you said, 'I'll be praying for you.'"

When the Greene County native talked to the Cornersburg Sunday School teachers, she had six suggestions: 1. Be born again. 2. Be faithful in attendance. 3. Pray often. 4. Love your class. 5. Know your class members; be in touch with them more often than on Sunday morning. 6. Teach the Word.

She said, "It is my prayer that God will send someone to Ohio now who has not had as many birthdays as I have!"

R & TV Trustees Elect Chairman, OK Budget

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Ray Scoggins, minister of education / administration at Westbury Baptist Church in Houston, has been named chairman of the board of trustees for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

He succeeds Harold Martin, who resigned to become executive vice president for the commission. Scoggins, former vice chairman, has been a member of the trustees since 1971.

In other business, the trustees approved the commission's request for a 48 percent or \$1.45 million increase from the Cooperative Program for budget use in 1979-80. The current budget is \$3 million.

Paul M. Stevens, commission president, said the increase is needed to provide additional special television

programs, distribute the "Baptist Hour" on a national network system and to provide a cost of living increase.

"Television and radio are divine tools which God has placed in the hands of Southern Baptists," said Stevens, who was honored for 25 years' service at the meeting. "Through the media we are in the unique position... to touch the lives of those who are virtually unreachable by any other means."

Accra, Ghana — Judge Selassie Sawyer has volunteered to distribute a large number of used Bibles and Bible portions, provided by the World Home Bible League, to persons in the villages surrounding this major West African seaport.

Mrs. Jewell Daniel —

I Remember Lottie Moon

By John Rutledge
DALLAS — Mrs. Jewell Daniel, 94, sat in her rocker at the Four Seasons Rest Home in Dallas, surrounded by mementos of her 17 years as a missionary to China, and tried to picture her first meeting with Lottie Moon.
"How do you get inspired to tell an old, old tale?" she asked. The problem is not the memories, which are vivid, but reaching back more than 65 years to get them.
After graduating from Baylor University, she went to the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, Ky., for two years of missionary training. But at the end of the first year the Foreign Mission Board sent out the call for workers to help Lottie Moon in Tengchow. She and her friend, Floy, were assigned to China in 1909 and they journeyed by ship from San Francisco to Japan.
"Floy's fiancé, Mr. (W. W.) Adams, was to meet us in Japan. Floy's wedding was to be a week from the day we arrived," she said.
"In that day and time, Miss Moon observed Chinese custom as nobody ever did. She was strictly for Chinese custom. And they worship manners, you know. You've got to do things as it has been handed down for hundreds of years, exactly, point to point."
Sense of Seamliness
"Well, we didn't know anything about things like that, you know, we younger ones. Miss Moon had been there a lifetime then, and we offended her, her sense of seamliness."
"I hate to tell you. Chinese girls at that time, and for centuries and centuries, wore straight lines so that nothing of the form would show. Well, ours were very form-fitted. We didn't know we were hurting Miss Moon's feelings, in the place and in the station in China where it would hurt most. We had come out there to work with her the rest of her life, and she was just killed."
"She was right out in the yard, when we came out to go into where the Adamases were going to live. Miss Moon said, 'You are not to go out of my house with those clothes on.' Floy was sitting in the sedan chair the groom had given her for a wedding gift, and Miss Moon hadn't seen her clothes yet. We said, 'Miss Moon, we don't have any other clothes, and it's time for the wedding,' and we went on."
"And as long as any of us ever lived we're sorry we did that, because we hurt Miss Moon's standing in her own town, with her neighbors. That's one reason they have strict rules in foreign mission fields for the first two or three years, and you just better mind them, because you can do more to hurt the Lord's work in things like that than you could in a year."

Chinese Women
"Chinese women had no life of their own at all at that time," she said, "and Lottie Moon fought hard all her life to break down the Chinese customs that were not right."
"The matter of bound feet — Miss Moon brought it up. She was the first in all our missions to do that. You'd think that with the deep regard she had of the Chinese customs, she would be a little bit slow in talking about the binding of feet. But she went at it like she was a whole army, and never relented."
"Women didn't know they had minds. One of the most marvelous experiences I've ever had was to see a Chinese woman wake up to the fact that she was a human being and had a mind. I watched those faces when that dawned on them. Oh, I tell you that was worth everything in the world. Time and again it happened."
"Miss Moon was like a warrior in emphasizing the teachings of God's word to women. Of course the men got the message all the way through."
Before she was sent to Pingtu, the government had forbidden foreigners to go into the interior, she said. But Miss Moon was clever.
"She knew that the official would never think of a woman going in there after he had forbidden men to go. So she just went there and opened the station."
Always A Lady
"She made friends with the Chinese and what she was doing was getting the door open for the rest of us. She was gentle and sweet and always a lady, and the Chinese could recognize that."
Mrs. Daniel laughed, and recalled that in her early years, Miss Moon nearly embarrassed the missionaries around her to death.
"She had keen ears and both ears wide open to learn a Chinese word when she first got there. Well, muleteers in China are more animal than they were men, and they curse and swear at their animals, use the dirtiest, filthiest language. The Chinese have a saying, 'All muleteers should be hanged,' and I think so, too. But Miss Moon learned every word she could from the muleteers. She'd come home and tell the missionaries what she'd learned."

"The first summer I was there, I fell into Miss Moon's trap. She set a trap for every new missionary that came along. And that was to tell me in the sweetest, most considerate way how awful I was in the customs and language. Miss Moon got it right the first time. There was no coarseness in her Chinese. I would hate for her to hear mine now."

Lottie Moon's outside reading was restricted to one book a year unrelated to mission work, she said. That was not for the interest she got out of the book, but rather to review her French.

A Tomato A Day
"I asked her how she had managed to keep so well all those years. She grew tomatoes under her window, and she said, 'I eat one of these and sleep 15 minutes every day.' She had absolute control of every faculty. We were all in awe of her."

But the strain of heartbreak, loneliness, and overwork finally affected Miss Moon's mind. When famine came to Pingtu, Lottie's old field, where Mrs. Daniel was stationed, Lottie imagined her friends there were starving and decided she would not eat either.

"Not a Christian we knew anything about suffered, we saw to it, we knew who they were. We even wrote Miss Moon, but she didn't understand. She was too far gone when they found it out and they couldn't do a thing with her but try to get her to America."

"On the way, they stopped in Pingtu and carried her into our house to rest. I had one fleeting glance of her face, by the light of a lantern," she said. "I wish I could forget it."

But Lottie Moon died before reaching the states, in the harbor of Kobe, Japan, on Christmas Eve.

The most outstanding feature about Lottie Moon was that she wasn't afraid of anything or anybody, Mrs. Daniel said.

"But she didn't have enemies. She could be hard spoken, but she would be... so Chinese, that she would win her way."
(This article is an edited version of "I Remember Lottie Moon" by John Rutledge which appeared in the Dec. 5, 1973, issue of the Texas Baptist Standard. Used by permission.)

Student Mission To Bangladesh

"Thousands Of Bengalis Were Walking Fast Toward Me"



Van Stone, who spent two months in Bangladesh, demonstrates the Aktera, a one-string native Bengali instrument.

Bangladesh. Just the name of the country evokes vivid imagery of starving children, devastated landscape, and unbelievable poverty that is all too true. But for a Mississippi College student, the picture became more well-rounded after he spent two months in the country.

Van Stone, senior at Mississippi College, lived in the Bengali city of Dacca during the summer working as an English teacher. Transported from the comfortable backgrounds of Marks, Miss., to a primitive country thousands of miles away, Stone admits to a certain amount of culture shock. "Nobody in Mississippi can really know what it is like to live in a country with 80 million people and a land area comparable to Arkansas," he said.

"Fortunately," he continued, "the people are on a subsistence level rather than a famine level right now.

In 1974 a famine caused by terrible crop failures meant that the Bengalis were literally starving in the streets. But when I was there, people could eat if they could get work. Laborers lined up early in the morning to get a construction or agricultural job; if they didn't get work for that particular day, they didn't eat."

Stone, a pre-med major at Mississippi College, applied for the job as a teacher of conversational English because he had always had an easy time with English himself. "Most of my students were older than I — about 25-30 years of age."

The majority speak Bengali, which is a type of Sanskrit. I picked up a little, but it's very difficult."

He found himself being stared at quite often because of his fair skin, blue eyes, and unusual height. At 5'10", he would not be considered ab-

normally tall by American standards, but the average Bengali male stands only 5'6". Says Stone "I got used to people looking at me. It just bothered me once. I was standing on a corner waiting for someone to come pick me up, when I saw what looked like thousands of Bengalis staring at me, then walking fast towards me. I really panicked — until I realized the people were just coming out of a soccer stadium."

There was some fun along with the work. "I went to the zoo on several occasions and traveled quite often by rickshaw. There are thousands of rickshaw drivers, all eager to offer you their services. Though some cars are seen, most people walk, bicycle, or go by rickshaw."

Spending two months in a tropical country during the monsoon season

would not be everybody's idea of fun. Neither was it Van Stone's primary purpose in going. "I decided to apply as a BSU summer missionary and use some of the skills I thought I had," he said. I taught English, talked with people, helped with the missionaries' kids, and took on anything where I could express my concern and share my faith."

His family and friends were predictably worried and even fearful about the summer in Bangladesh. "They all said that they were scared for me but wouldn't try to discourage me from going. I'm glad they allowed me to have this experience, not only for whatever good I did but for what I learned. I just wish I could have done more. Unfortunately, I contracted the measles (Me!) An about-to-be college senior) and had to come home."

Bible Puzzle

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ACROSS

1 Bottom's complement (Matt. 27:51)

2 Young oyster (Luke 8:6)

12 Self

13 Place (1 Chron. 5:26)

14 Clinton's "ditch"

15 "with his glorious" (Isa. 63)

16 Form of address

17 There is one (Eph. 4:4)

18 Result of godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:10)

22 Sign of the zodiac

23 Slightly sweet

24 Academic degree

26 Impossible for God to do (Heb. 6:18)

29 Scrap

31 Brilliance

DOWN

63 Bristle

64 Insect (Prov. 6:6)

1 "Lest he — my soul" (Ps. 7)

2 Fairy tale character

3 "and the — of her strength" (Ezek. 33)

4 Used to enjoin silence

5 "— and teachers" (Eph. 4)

6 Heard at the Met

7 Mountain lakes

8 Isaac's wife (Rom. 9:10)

9 Spanish gold

10 El

11 "the — of David" (Rev. 3)

19 Kind of train: abbr.

20 New: comb. form

21 Letter

24 South American beverage

25 Laurel

26 "walk in his —" (Dan. 9)

27 "— do all things" (Phil. 4:13)

28 Vetch

30 Child's game

32 Old Albanian coin

34 "— redemption" (Heb. 9:12)

36 Woolen or linen (Lev. 13:47)

39 Late day

41 Clean

45 Bael and others

47 Rushmore: abbr.

48 Singer Adams

50 Kansas town

51 Man's name

52 Tidy

53 Encountered

54 Pub specialty

55 "the — of gladness" (Heb. 1)

60 Tantalum: symbol

CRYPTOVERSE

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Calhoun Men Teach Tithing

For several years now Calhoun County Baptist laymen, under the direction of Roy Davis, stewardship chairman, have been going into the churches during the month of September with a message on tithing and mission support. This year they were able, through the cooperation of the pastors, to speak in every one of the 49 churches in the association.

Clarence H. Cutrell, consultant in the Mississippi Baptist Stewardship Department, spoke to a men's rally at Pittsboro Baptist Church in preparation for the meetings. Davis is at far left of the picture, Cutrell is on the front row beside Davis. The rest attended the rally.

After 52 Years

Mrs. Pryor Retires As Music Minister, First, Calhoun City

Mrs. Edward A. Pryor has retired as music director of First Church, Calhoun City, after 52 years in this capacity.

She will continue to serve until the church can employ someone to take her place, and then will remain active in the work of the church as long as her health permits.

Sunday, Oct. 29, was a day of special recognition for her and at that time a

resolution, naming her music director emeritus, was adopted.

The resolution stated, in part: "Mrs. Edward A. Pryor has served as music director of First Baptist Church of Calhoun City for 52 years, and has given direction to a full graded program of music including the preschool, children's and youth, and adult choirs and also instrumental and vocal ensembles.

"She was a pioneer in many areas of the music work in Mississippi, and has led First Church in the understanding of the importance of music worship and in the securing of the Reuter Pipe Organ.

"First Baptist Church of Calhoun City publicly expresses gratitude to Mrs. Pryor. The Music Committee directs the church to name Mrs. Pryor as music director emeritus."

MC Names Lofton Alumnus Of Year

W. D. Lofton, Jr., department store owner in Brookhaven, has been named "Alumnus of the Year" for 1978 at Mississippi College during Homecoming activities on campus on Saturday.

Lofton received the top award during the annual Alumni Association Awards Banquet held prior to the Homecoming football game.

Recognized with "Order of the Golden Arrow" awards were J. Herman Hines and H. Henry Hederman, both of Jackson. They were singled out for their professional achievement in banking and business respectively and for their successful effort as co-chairmen of the College's \$5 million Breakthrough Campaign.

Special awards of appreciation went to George Dale, Clinton, president of the Alumni Association; J. W. Fagan, Laurel, chairman of the Annual Giving Program; John Legg, Clinton, chairman of the A. E. Wood Coliseum Committee; and Eleanor Grace Polk, Clinton, chairman of the 1928 Class Golden Anniversary. Zach Hederman of Jackson received the "Service to Humanity" award.

Harry Upton of Clinton was elevated to the presidency of the Alumni Association, succeeding George Dale, also of Clinton. Elected president-elect was Mrs. Dell Scoper of Laurel, while James Hurt of Cleveland was elected first vice-president; Harold Kitchings of Clinton, second vice-president; and Bernard Blackwell of Clinton, secretary-treasurer.

The Awards Banquet was just one of

a number of activities that attracted hundreds back to the campus for homecoming.

Lofton, a 1942 graduate of the College, is a longtime member of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College. He is active in the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven.

Hines is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Deposit Guaranty National Bank of Jackson and a leader in community causes and service to his fellowman.

Henry Hederman is a 1942 graduate of Mississippi College. He is vice-president of the Mississippi Publishers Corp. and the Hattiesburg American Publishing Co. and a partner in Henderson Brothers of Jackson.

He is a past president of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and a past chairman of the deacons of First Baptist Church of Jackson.



W. D. Lofton, Jr. (left) of Brookhaven, graduate of the Class of 1942, was named Alumnus of the Year for 1978 at Mississippi College. Lewis Nobles (right), president of the College, presented him an award plaque. Mrs. Lofton is at center. An active Baptist layman, Lofton has been a member of the College's Board of Trustees for a number of years and also is a member of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Organized Classes Will Provide Structure For S. S. Ministry

NASHVILLE — Inadequate organization at the class level is keeping many adult Sunday School classes from being effective ministry, outreach and Bible study tools, said Vern Baker, missions director for the

Catalina Baptist Association, Tucson, Ariz.

To achieve maximum efficiency, Baker said a class should have an outreach leader and a group leader for every five or six people. "Every group

leader becomes an assistant pastor, meeting needs during the week and on Sunday morning," Baker said.

He told of an experience with an older men's class, taught by a Mr. Gibson, who decided to organize his class into groups. Before long, each group leader was calling his members every Sunday morning at 7:30.

From that beginning, members began calling one another, contacting prospects and visiting the homebound. "Mr. Gibson's class became the model of how a class should minister to one another and to others," Baker said.

During the serious illness of a class member, the groups ministered in many ways and the group leader, along with Baker and the family was with the man when he died.

"I saw a class being more than a group studying the Bible on Sunday morning," Baker said. "I saw love at work."

In his role as a director of missions, Baker visits many churches and reports that most adult classes are not fully organized. "Most of the teachers teach those who come on Sunday and that is about all that is done," Baker said. "These classes have not availed themselves of a proven way of growing and conducting the class."

Baker said a side benefit of good class organization is that experience as a group leader prepares persons to be effective teachers and department workers.

"They know the value of showing a caring, loving concern. All you have to do is guide them in understanding the specifics of the task assignment," Baker said.

(Adapted from an article in the October 1978 issue of *Adult Leadership* magazine.)

Southwestern Luncheon To Be At Calvary

Southwestern Seminary's alumni luncheon will be held during the state Baptist convention on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 12:20. It will be at Calvary Church, Jackson.

Harold Freeman, seminary representative, will speak. Luncheon tickets are selling for \$5. They may be ordered from Bill Bacon, Box 72, Clinton, MS 39056.



by Cynthia Clawson, Ragan Courtney, and Beryl Red

Angels, Gabriel, Tammy Yates, and Michael, Clayton Coulter.

ANGELS is a new musical released by Triune Music, Inc. of Nashville/New York. Over 50 churches in 15 states have accepted the selected invitation of Triune Music to present area special performances.

With music by Cynthia Clawson, and book and lyrics by Ragan Courtney, ANGELS tells of the adventures of God's messengers . . . guarding the Garden of Eden . . . helping Elijah . . . announcing the birth of Jesus . . . and in this musical, bringing to all a reassuring message.

Beryl Red arranged and adapted ANGELS for chorus, soloist, actors, even puppets.

A premiere is by definition the first performance of a work. Triune Music, however, employs a unique approach, making multiple special performances possible. An invitation to join Triune Music in doing special performances of the new work is sent to selected directors of choral music.

The first performance took place in Nashville at the Woodmont Church. Raymond Ball, the Woodville Heights minister of music states "ANGELS is the musical for any time, especially Christmas time."

Staff Changes

Bob Lambes is interim recreation director at Van Winkle Church, Jackson. From Sherwood Park Church, Akron, Ohio, he is a student at Mississippi College, majoring in church recreation.

Danny Brock has accepted the call as minister of music and youth at First Church, Ridgeland. He goes from Paul



Brock

Truitt Memorial Church in Pearl, where he has been minister of music and youth since 1975. As a Jacksonian, he received the Bachelor of Music degree from Mississippi College.

He served as associational music director of Rankin County, 1976-1978, and as regional music director for Rankin, Scott, and Newton Counties 1976-77.

He was a member of the Ambassadors Quartet in Jackson for four years and recorded his first long play album entitled "Gospel According to Daniel" in 1977.



Morrow

Mike Morrow, a junior at Blue Mountain College has recently accepted a call to the pastorate of Friendship Church in Ecru. He is a native of Gastonia, N. C., and is married to the former Susan English of Anderson, S. C.

J. C. Renfrow, Rankin County director of missions, is interim pastor at Liberty Church, Flowood, while the church is without a pastor. Services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.



White

Richard White is associate pastor, Calvary Church, Hattiesburg.

Madison Church has called Roy McHenry as pastor. He goes there from Okolona, where he has served



McHenry

First Church as pastor since 1973. He was born at Quitman. A graduate of Jones Junior College and William Carey College, he received the Doctor of Ministry degree from New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Barbara Jean Mayo, a registered nurse. They have three children, Kimberly, Scott, and Michael. McHenry has served as moderator of Chickasaw Association.

Paul Lewis Brooks has accepted the call of First Church, Marianna, Fla. He has served at Woodlawn Church in Vicksburg for 5½ years.



Brooks

Under Brooks' leadership Woodlawn has had 1269 professions of faith; 574 baptisms; 620 people joining by letter, and 30 called to full-time Christian service.

Also during those 5½ years Woodlawn has given over \$279,000 in mission gifts, and average attendance in Sunday School has grown from around 250 to over 600.

Charles Malone has resigned as minister of music and youth of the Parkway Church, Jackson County. He has moved to Jackson where he will have a similar position with First Church, Flowood, Marcus Alexander, pastor.

Richard White is associate pastor, Calvary Church, Hattiesburg.

Just For The Record



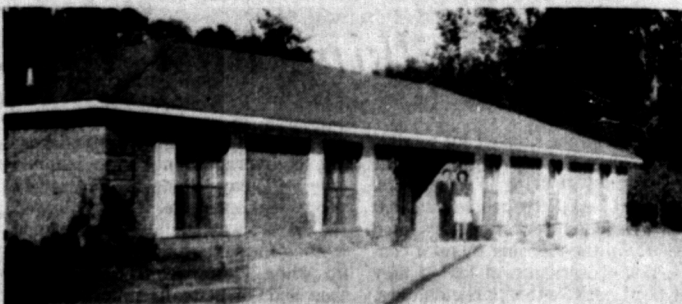
OLD FASHIONED EATING — There was an ample supply of almost any dish desired at the 25th anniversary celebration Oct. 22 of First Church in Pearl. This picture shows a few of the treats along with the large crowd on hand. (Photo by Frank Madden.)

Washington Church presented a music worship service Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. The singings consisted of instrumental and vocal arrangements.

Solos were presented by Joy Arnold, Acy Arnold, Rita Cooley, Richard Freeman, Bobby Hensley, Jamie June, Elwood Blanton, and Pearl Druetta. Instrumental solos were presented by Charles Jordan, Elwood Blanton, Pam Cooley and Betty Higginbotham. Choral and instrumental duets were presented by Gloria Herrington and Rita Cooley, Jimmy and Ruth June, Gloria Herrington and Timmy Herrington, Tanoa Jackson and DeVonne Earls.

A trio, consisting of Joy and Acy Arnold and Missy Green presented several numbers, and a boys ensemble — Derrick Holder, Jason Holder, Charles Jordan, Darrell Forman, Keith Jordan and Stevie Arnold, with director Peggy Jordan, presented special music.

Robert E. Jones is pastor and Lowery Herrington is music director.



First Church, Beaumont held open house Oct. 1 at its new pastorium which was just completed last month. Frank Hendry is pastor.

Gum Grove Church, Brookhaven, held a note burning service Sunday, Oct. 22. During the seven years that Hershel Clanton has been the pastor the church has built an auditorium and an education building and has paid for both of them. James Keen, Sr. is chairman of deacons, and Maxie Hall is Building Fund treasurer.

Copies of the Scriptures provided by the World Home Bible League are now being distributed to prisoners in the United States and Canada by members of the Assemblies of God churches. The World Home Bible League does most of its work through the churches of many denominations.



Nursing Students Study Bible

A noon Bible class has been added, on a volunteer basis, to the curriculum of the practical nursing students doing their clinical work at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. The students are from Hinds Junior College. WMU Executive Director Marjean Patterson is conducting the Bible studies on a bi-weekly basis. According to Kathy Bearden (left foreground), BSU director at the hospital, the classes will be conducted year 'round.

In Names The News



Robin Mathis (standing left), Mississippi trustee, Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and manager, WCPC-AM/FM, Houston, is shown the new video switcher given in honor of Paul M. Stevens (right), Commission president for 25 years service. Also honored for 25 years service were Clarence Duncan, senior vice president, personnel and Betty Hanson, right, administrative assistant. — Radio-TV Commission Photo.



Clarke president, S. L. Harris, has announced the appointment of four students as presidential ambassadors for 1978-79. The Ambassadors are the president's student representatives during the year and work with Director of Admissions Allen B. Parnell. Reappointed as sophomore Ambassadors are Mary Bryant Burt (second from right) and Danny Lynn (right). Lynn is also BSU president. Freshmen Ambassadors are Donna Wiggins (second from left) and Mark Gibson (left). Gibson is minister of music and youth at Toomsaba.



Bethel Church, Monticello, recently awarded perfect attendance pins to ten Sunday School members. Sherrod Rayborn, Mrs. Doug Johnson, Mrs. Sherrod Rayborn, Scotty McCloud, and Mali Rayborn got one-year pins. Randy McCloud, Kevin Rayborn, Amy Marler, Mrs. Larue McCloud, and H. J. Williamson got six-month pins. Kenneth Marler is pastor.

Oak Grove Church, Amite County, has ordained two deacons, Frank Coley and Charles P. Kent.

Carl Duck, pastor of Lakeside Church, Dallas, has been elected executive director of the Nashville (Tenn.) Baptist Association. Duck, 50, who chaired local arrangements for the 1974 Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas and has chaired the SBC Committee on Boards, has been pastor of churches in Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, including his current pastorate of 12 years. He is a native of Alabama.

Enon Church, Walthall County, has licensed Harry Kennedy to the gospel ministry. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Kennedy, Sr., he is married to Pam Roberts. He is enrolled at William Carey College, and is available for supply preaching. He may be contacted at Tylertown, Miss. W. P. Blair is the pastor of the Enon Church.

Jim Currin, Indiana pastor and former state Sunday School and missions director, has been elected executive director of the Baptist General Association of New England, effective Dec. 1. Currin, 50, has been pastor of the Northside Baptist Church in Indianapolis for nine years and chairman of evangelism for the local association. He is a Tennessee native.

Luther Dorr, formerly pastor of Temple Church, Norfolk, Va., has been elected to the faculty of New Orleans Seminary. He is teaching in the area of pastoral ministries in the School of Christian Training. Dorr has held pastorate in Mississippi and is a former associational missionary in the state. He graduated from Mississippi College and earned the Th.D. degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Rocky Henriques, left, was ordained to the gospel ministry, Sept. 10, by his home church, Forest Hill, Jackson. Henriques is on the staff of First Church, Baton Rouge, and is attending New Orleans Seminary where he will graduate in December this year. The ordination service was held at the request of First Church, Baton Rouge. Barney Walker, preached the ordination message. Wilbur Irwin, right, pastor of Forest Hill, presented the certificate. A reception honoring Henriques and his family was held following the evening service.



LEWIS ROSENTHAL, second from left, was awarded the Good Shepherd Cross and Staff at First Church, New Albany, recently. The award is made available for adult scouts who are Baptist through the Association of Baptists for Scouting in cooperation with the Boy Scouts of America. His wife, Bonnie, left, was present, along with David Wiseman, holding the award, and Pastor William F. Evans, right.

The award is given as recognition for distinguished service by a Baptist layperson involved in the spiritual, physical, mental and moral development of youth through service to the church and its Scouting program on all levels.

Rosenthal has been active in the Boy Scout program for 11 years, serving as Scoutmaster for 9 years. He has developed a slide and tape presentation to help in organizing troops and to aid in doing a better job in the Scout program. His other activities at First Baptist include: outreach director in youth Sunday School, usher, past member, Board of Deacons, past Training Union director of Clark Street Mission, past chairman of the church committee on Scouting, and Sunday School teacher for four years.

Elmo McLaurin recently began his eighth year as ministry of education at Highland, Meridian. He served in Laurel and Beaumont, Tex., before coming to Highland. The native Mississippian is a graduate of William Carey College and holds the Master's degree in Religious Education from New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Sandra Pryor of Laurel. Mrs. McLaurin, a graduate of William Carey, is teaching at Lamar elementary in Meridian. They are the parents of four children. McLaurin is Sunday School director for Lauderdale Association and is a special worker with the state Sunday School department. Also he is president of the Mississippi chapter of the New Orleans Seminary Alumni association. Jackie Hamilton is pastor at Highland.

Eddie Graves, recently ordained by First Church, Jackson, has accepted the pastorate of Shady Grove Church, Lincoln County. In December he will graduate from New Orleans Seminary with the Master of Divinity degree. He and his wife, Marilyn, will move to the field then to assume full-time responsibilities. In January, he plans to begin study toward a Doctor of Education degree.

Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will deliver the major address on the closing night of the Alabama Baptist State Convention in Mobile, Nov. 15.

West Corinth Church, Corinth, ordained Phil Johnsey to the gospel ministry on Oct. 15. Phil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Johnsey of Corinth, and the brother of Dennis Johnsey, who is pastor in Summit. John Causey of the First Baptist Church, Corinth, brought the ordination message. Johnsey was presented a Bible and Certificate of Ordination from the church. He is a 1978 graduate of Southwestern Seminary. He and his wife, Susan, make their home in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he is minister of youth and activities, at Central Church.



Johnsey

Lebanon Association in annual meeting recognized four pastors who have given more than 25 years of service to the association. They were John E. Barnes, Q. C. Barrett, P. E. Downey, and Garland McInnis.

S. Alfred Washburn, associate professor of church music and organ at New Orleans Seminary, will join the Golden Gate Seminary, Jan. 1, at Mill Valley, Calif. Washburn will serve as associate professor of church music and coordinate the total church music program at the Mill Valley, Calif., campus, according to W. Morgan Patterson, dean of academic affairs. He is a native of North Carolina.

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Children's Chapel Begins At Pontotoc

High attendance day at First, Pontotoc was Oct. 29, with 488 present in Sunday School and 157 present in Church Training. Also the church had designated the fifth Sunday in October as Debt Retirement Day. Approximately \$4,500 received in special gifts will apply toward retiring a note on the church facilities.

In addition, Sunday, Oct. 29, an extended session for four and five year olds was begun at the church. This program is called Children's Chapel.

Under direction of Mrs. Ed Foster, 17 children were present for the first day. A steering committee serving with Mrs. Foster plan the activities and enlist volunteer helpers for each Sunday morning service.

Additional members of the committee are Ray Stark, Terry Maxey and Mrs. Charles Chisholm.

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Peter Vins, Other Baptists Face New Soviet Pressure

WASHINGTON (BP) — Peter Vins, 22, currently serving a one-year term in a Soviet labor camp, may face seven years imprisonment and five years of internal exile, according to a report from the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism at Keston, England.

Vins, a dissident Baptist, is in a labor camp in Western Ukraine serving a sentence for "parasitism." The reason for the threatened additional punishment is that he allegedly distributed anti-Soviet propaganda in the camp.

Keston received the report from Igor Pomerantsev, a close friend of Vins, who has recently emigrated from the USSR. He also said that Vins has declared a hunger strike, which

would place his life in danger, since he suffers from a stomach disorder and has had a part of his intestines removed.

He is the son of Georgi Vins, another imprisoned dissident Baptist leader.

The Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism has also reported several other recent cases of official discrimination against Soviet Baptists.

Lyubov Sergeeva joined an unregistered Baptist church after her marriage. Her husband sued for divorce on grounds that her religious views were incompatible with his non-religious stance. He then gained custody of their children. She now claims that he is not caring properly for the children but

has been unable to get a reversal of the court decision.

In another case, the centre reported that a former Communist Party secretary, Vladimir Denkovich, who was converted and became a Baptist, was sent to a psychiatric hospital for observation because he was "dissatisfied with Soviet power."

The son of a Baptist prisoner, Viktor Dubovik, was beaten up at school by an older pupil and spent over two weeks in the hospital as a result. Prior to this incident, two anti-religious lectures had been given at the school in which Dubovik was specifically attacked. Dubovik was later removed from his labor camp and sent to an unknown destination for internal exile.

"Country Crossroads" Is Nine Years Old And Still Growing

Ask a woman her age and she may avoid the question. But ask Executive Producer Jim Rupe the age of "Country Crossroads" and he'll gladly boast, "nine years and still growing."

"Country Crossroads," a weekly radio program put together by Rupe and Associate Producer Stan Knowles for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth, celebrates its ninth birthday this month.

Rupe, who's been with the Commission since 1957, remembers the day the show's concept was created.

"It was 1969 and we had decided to do a country music show on another Commission program, 'MasterControl.' Listeners liked it so well we decided to develop an entire program devoted to country music with a spiritual message."

"Country Crossroads" was designed as a departure from the preaching format used by many broadcasters," said Dr. Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio and Television Commission. "We use it to tell the story of Christ and how God can work in the lives of people."

In 1969 the program was heard on 30 stations across the U.S. Today, it's carried by over a thousand stations around the world including The American Forces Network and The Far East Network.

In its young life "Country Crossroads" has won numerous awards, including two Freedom of the Foundation George Washington Honor Medals, a Distinguished Service Award and two special merit awards from the Country Music Association.

"Country Crossroads" is hosted by three top personalities in the country music field. Bill Mack and LeRoy Van Dyke have been with the show since the beginning. Jerry Clower joined in 1973.

Mack, two-time winner of the Country Music Association's Country DJ of the Year Award, also hosts an all-night country music show on Fort Worth's 50,000-watt WBAP radio. Van Dyke, a popular country music vocalist, had records at the top of the charts for many years. Clower, member of the Grand Ole Opry, has been named the Country Music Association's "Country Comic of the Year" for the past five years.

As a result of the Country Crossroads broadcasts over 400,000 persons have responded to request free materials offered on the air.

In 1977, 334 persons wrote letters of personal needs or wanting more information on becoming Christians.

"One of the most exciting stories to come out of this ministry was that of Beulah Hurst," said Rupe. "Jerry Clower and I were riding to town from

the Hot Springs airport one day and Beulah was our cab driver. She commented that Jerry sounded like a man she heard on 'Country Crossroads' and explained that because of the show she and 18 members of her family had become Christians.

"You can imagine how excited she was when we told her who we were."

"Beulah had never written to the show. If it hadn't been for that chance meeting we would never have known about the effect 'Country Crossroads' had on that family," said Rupe.

Revival Dates

Mount Horeb Church (Lauderdale) Nov. 12-19; guest evangelist for Sunday - Thursday services, John Hamilton, pastor of First Church, Irvington, Ala.; Friday - Sunday services led by evangelist Jerry Wayne Bernard of Houston, Tex.; Bernard is vice-president of the Southern Baptist Conference of Evangelists; services at 7:30 p.m.; Danny Lafferty, pastor.

Oak Grove (Amite): Nov. 19-22; Royce Dubose of Alabama, evangelist; C. O. Stegall, Jr., Thompson Church, leading the singing; Russ Stephens, pastor.

Happiness Is. . . .

By Jimmy G. McGee, Pastor, East McComb Church, McComb
As recorded in John 13:17, Jesus insisted, "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them."

Happiness is what everybody wants but so few seem to possess. A simple formula is our text. Its message can be stated: Happiness is knowing what you ought and doing what you know.

With what you now know, the principle of our text is already at work in your life. You are pleased with yourself and happy when you do the things you know to do — eat properly, brush your teeth, read your Bible prayerfully, tithe. You are disgusted with yourself and guilty when you violate your good sense — eat too much, purchase unnecessary articles, crack your windshield with hot water.

If you really want genuine happiness, there are two things that Jesus says are musts for Christians. The first thing is KNOWING GOD'S WORD. The prophet observed (Amos 4:6),

"My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." To Timothy (II Tim. 2:15) Paul wrote, "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We owe it to ourselves and to our Lord to know what can be known in truth.

"These things" in our text refer to the immediate context of understanding Jesus' example in washing the disciples' feet. But "these things" also gather up into one all teachings in the manifestation of Jesus. Believers must study the Bible to know "these things." And studying the Bible, we ought to respond confidently, "God said it; I believe it; that settles it." Be careful in your interpretation: No Christian is at liberty to believe what he or she wants, but what God says.

When a Christian knows what to do, all that remains for happiness is DOING WHAT YOU KNOW. With my mouth pried wide open and gums deadened, the dentist was fastening a metal bracket to complete a filling. Tightening the bracket, he pinched my lip against the gum. When I successfully got his attention, he said, "Oops, I'm sorry. I didn't know!" As soon as he knew, he acted quickly on the basis of his new understanding. Any time you learn something, it changes what you already know and demands action.

James wrote (James 4:17), "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." And where sin is, genuine happiness is not.

Want to be happy? Then confess your sins to Jesus and allow Him to cleanse your vessel. Begin DOING WHAT YOU KNOW according to God's Word. Spiritual joys will be instant, and you'll be amazed at the truths God will trust you knowing so that you can do!

Harmontown Celebrates 85th With Revival, Skits, Dinner

Harmontown (Lafayette) celebrated its 85th year, and its second year in a new sanctuary, with a birthday party.

A party at the close of a week's revival celebrated the birthdays of all the members present. A theme had been set up for each month of the year, January through December, and people performed skits relating to their birth months. Then dinner was shared by 200 in the fellowship hall.

Jack Hazelwood was the evangelist for the revival. His crusades throughout the United States have been aimed toward young people in particular. Ron Bowus, who works with Hazelwood in evangelism, coordinated the music and sang special songs. Mrs. Camille Anding was pianist.

Pastor Don Stanfill and church

members took part in cottage prayer meetings prior to the revival.

The new church bus, driven by Tommy Marshall, brought 65 to the revival, who otherwise might not have had an opportunity to attend. Sunday School attendance on the closing Sunday of the meeting was 154.

Louisville, Ky. — A conference to help pastors prepare for the 1979 January Bible Study of Mark is planned for December 5-7 at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here. In addition to examining the content of the book, conference participants will study "principles and practices for actualizing the gospel in today's world," explains F. Russell Bennett, conference director.

FMB Accepts Ruschlikon Decision

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has assured European Baptists that it welcomes their acceptance of administrative responsibility for the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and voted an additional \$33,333 toward the seminary's anticipated budget deficit for this year.

The European Baptist Federation Council agreed at its September meeting in Vienna, Austria, to accept sponsorship of the financially troubled international seminary, which ministers to Baptists in 26 different countries.

On the basis of a report by three representatives who attended the Vienna meeting, the Foreign Mission Board took action in October, spelling out the details of its relationships to the seminary during the five-year period of the new agreement, which takes effect Jan. 1.

The board said it will continue to support Southern Baptist missionary faculty members for the seminary, will provide "so far as possible" capital funds to meet urgent repair and maintenance needs, and will allow some of the student apartments to be rented to non-student families to help supplement the seminary's income.

Also included was a pledge that "in case funds available prove insufficient for operating the seminary in its present form" the Foreign Mission Board will support the European Council in developing "alternative forms of the theological education on an international scale."

Union County Pays Tribute To Late Pastor

Union County Association adopted a resolution in tribute to the late pastor, Frank Cox. The document stated,

"Whereas the Union County Association expresses its thoughts in the death of Brother Frank Cox, who served the cause of our Lord in this county for many years; who at all times sought to help individuals and the churches of our county and stood firm on all the moral issues; who preached the Bible without reservation or fear; be it resolved that we express to his family our heart felt sympathy and prayers."

Life and Work Lesson Money — Barrier Or Bridge

By Bill Duncan,
Long Beach, First
Luke 16:19-31

Jesus was an excellent teacher. Very often he emphasized an eternal truth by telling an unforgettable story. Once a person has heard the parable of the rich man and Lazarus he does not forget it.

After hearing the story of the shrewd steward and the lesson about God and mammon, Jesus exposed the Pharisees as lovers of money. They were called the righteous because of their interest and zeal for the law. But God saw them as covetous people. They could scoff at Jesus and violate the Tenth Commandment, but they could not escape the judgment of God. To illustrate this, Jesus gave the parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

The Reversal of Fortunes
Position and prestige on earth were radically different for these men, who were very different from each other.

One was a wealthy man sometimes called "Dives" (a Latin name meaning "rich man"). His style of life was not that of a miser for he spent his money like it was going out of style and feasted on a gourmet diet. He wore costly garments of purple and undergarments made of fine linen from Egypt.

The other character was Lazarus, a beggar, whose name means "God helps." This is the only instance of a proper name being used in a Gospel parable. For this reason, most conservative students claim this is a true story. If poverty were not enough, he was a cripple suffering from a skin disease. His place of begging was at the gate of the rich man where he sought gifts from the guests of the rich man, and the discarded food. The terrible condition of Lazarus might have caused some hearers of the parable to think Jesus was describing a sinner being punished by God.

The two are only connected by geography. Lazarus was at the gate of the rich man and not hiding in a ghetto. Being at his gate was as though God put him there. The rich man had an opportunity at his front door camouflaged in the uniform of a beggar.

The Reversal of Rewards
Both characters died and their destinies in eternity were reversed. The mind of the listener is jostled by the matter-of-fact statement of death. Why did they die? There is a stark pos-

sibility that Lazarus died of hunger and disease within a few yards of scrumptious food and medical aid. The poor man went to Abraham's side. This is describing a place of honor at a heavenly banquet.

The rich man died and most likely his death made news. Why did he die? Perhaps within twenty yards of starvation he died, being overweight with a high cholesterol count from eating too much rich food. When he died he went to hell where he was in torment.

"And in hell (Hades), he lifted up his eyes." The Greek word "Hades" is the abode of death. "Hell" as a place of punishment is rendered "Gehenna." Both Lazarus and the rich man were in Hades. But what a difference: the one in Abraham's bosom and the other in torment. This latter thought carries the idea of Gehenna. So immediately upon death each received his respective reward — heaven or hell.

Some people want to teach that Hades is an interim state and many teach the idea of purgatory. However, the idea of Luke 16:26 makes it clear that it does not refer to purgatory, but does teach that God's judgment is final.

While they were separated the rich man still could see Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. This sight only added to his misery. He cried for mercy but was beyond its reach for he was being tormented.

Lazarus had begged in vain for crumbs. Now the rich man was begging in vain for a drop of water. No words were ever spoken which so clearly showed the reversal of conditions in the after life as over against those in the present life.

The Reversal of Preparation

No man ever intended to go to hell. Even the worst of men want to believe that God is so loving and so good that he will pat sinners on the head and say, "I didn't expect you to be perfect, run along to my house and enjoy yourself." That is just not the truth of God. The tender lips of the world spoke of the shut door, the outer darkness, and the unquenchable fire.

No man has to go to hell. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This life is a preparation for the next, and without the capacity to enjoy it, even heaven would be hell. Our pre-

paration must be the preparation of our souls, the cultivating of our tastes for God. Without that preparation, heaven for us becomes an impossibility.

One's true attitude and relationship with God is reflected in his attitude toward a fellow human being. Our attitude of material possessions may be the clearest indicator of whether or not we have accepted Christ's Lordship which is so necessary for our prepara-

tion for heaven.

We cannot serve two masters. Remember, money can be used to build a bridge to needy persons for witness and ministry or it can be selfishly hoarded to create a chasm between us and God. The folly of the rich man in using his wealth selfishly is revealed in the terrible torment he suffered.

Jesus is the door that leads to everlasting life. Do not reject Him and His teachings.

Uniform Lesson Reverence For The Sabbath

By Jackie C. Hamilton, Highland,
Meridian
Exodus 20:8-11

Every day is a special day of God, but one special day is asked for to be a sign and symbol of spiritual life. Our week of 168 hours is divided into seven days and the seven days require one day to be hallowed for significant acts.

In referring to this commandment it has been assumed that there was another prohibition for man to deprive him of his liberty. This does not speak only of the day to be revered but of six other days to be received for work and toil. The six relate to the one and the one is not appreciated apart from the six.

God created the world in six days and then rested on the seventh (Genesis 2:1-3). This was the foundation of the commandment obviously. Work is first, and then rest.

The Israelites also were workers for a long period in Egypt when under their taskmaster, but then came the release from toil in order to enter into their rest in freedom from slavery.

In Deut. 5:12-15, the account is related to the social and community needs of the people. They were asked to rest and let their servants and animals share the same privilege. All this was in remembrance of their harsh labor experienced in Egypt when they were servant-slaves. As God delivered them so they were now to be kind to their helpers and their animals.

Devotion is at the heart of it. Let man

be devoted and dedicated to God and his will, and there is no problem with this commandment. "A Sabbath unto the Lord" is a day specially given to God in thought and deed. The spirit of dedication and not duty is found here. To "remember" is not alone that of keeping the command now, but also to bring to mind that which was familiar.

This command was not necessarily introduced for the first time. Something of its principle must have been known before this. It was handed down from creation to man at the first. From the patriarchs there would be a tradition given orally to each generation.

The spirit of devotion implies remembrance. To forget this day is to suggest carelessness. Men become careless through preoccupation or the spirit of disobedience. The gift of this one day is a blessing from God for the good of all men. The distinction between the Sabbath and the other days of the week is the signal of help to man's physical and moral well-being. To keep a Sabbath implies to make "separate" or "holy" so that the day is devoted to that which is well pleasing to God. Rest is suggested as beneficial on this day. The renewal strength and power is a much needed benefit offered thereby.

Discipline
Discipline is also a part of this. Let anyone obey the command and there is a sense of well-being in the nurture of the life. Because of the refusal to do the wrong thing there is the corresponding

Missionary News

Tom and Jane Sumrall, missionary associates to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 1174, 30000 MG, Brazil. She is from McComb.

Edmond and Mary Ann Moses, missionaries to South Africa, have returned to the field (address: 1224 Irving St., Queenswood Ext. 2, Pretoria, South Africa). She was born in Columbus, Miss. and grew up in a rural area near Brooksville.

Billy and Sandra Montgomery, missionaries to Ghana, have arrived in the States (address: 3625 Cottonwood, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411). Before they were appointed in 1975, he was minister of youth and education at First Church, Pascagoula.

